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## Milestone review brings NASA one step closer to new launch vehicle

The Space Launch Initiative (SLI), a NASA-wide effort defining the future of human space flight, has completed its first milestone review -- resulting in a narrower field of potential candidates for the nation's second-generation reusable space transportation system. "To use the resources afforded by space, it's critical to increase reliability and safety while at the same time reducing the cost of space transportation," said Art Stephenson, director of the Marshall Center, which manages SLI for the Office of Aerospace Technology. "The Space Launch Initiative is doing the groundwork to accomplish these goals and create a second-generation launch system." The review analyzed and evaluated competing second-generation reusable space transportation architectures and technologies against NASA and commercial mission requirements, as well as safety and cost goals.

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## Marshall Weight Watchers open house set for Thursday, May 9

The Marshall Weight Watchers group will hold an open house for all interested parties. The open house will be held on Thursday, May 9 at the Fitness Center from 11:15 a.m.- 12:45 p.m. For more information contact Rachael Thompson at 544-1525.

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